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## **Before holiday weekend, Corps says fireworks not allowed in its parks, recreation facilities; alcohol limited at some**

**Walla Walla, Wash.,** -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers encourages and invites visitors to come use all the parks and recreation facilities in the Walla Walla District. But, it's important to remember to leave some things behind, according to Corps park and recreation officials.

Fireworks of any kind are prohibited in all the Corps' parks and on its lands across the District. Other restrictions also exist in some locations.

"Alcohol is not allowed at Corps parks in Washington," said Dave Hays, natural resources manager at the Mill Creek project near Walla Walla, Wash., which includes Rooks Park and Bennington Lake.

Restrictions aren't intended to limit visitors' ability to celebrate but rather to help all visitors have an incident-free occasion.

"We hope all our visitors will be able to enjoy their weekend and July 4th holiday when they out to Corps recreation facilities," said Barry Richards, park manager at Ice Harbor dam near Burbank, Wash. Facilities he's responsible range from Umatilla, Ore., on the Columbia River to Kahlotus, Wash., on the Snake River.

The Corps and law enforcement officials will be out patrolling facilities all weekend and through the holiday, according to Charles Craddock, Corps park manager for facilities from Starbuck, Wash., along the Snake River, to facilities east of Lewiston, Idaho, on the Clearwater River. "We don't want to write citations," he said, "we want to ensure maximum safety."

Recent wildfires and current dry conditions make the danger of fire especially high right now, according to the park manager for a Corps facility in north central Idaho.

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## **Corps fireworks, alcohol reminder/2-2-2**

"If we find people lighting or in possession of fireworks on Corps property, we'll ask to them to remove the items immediately to resolve the situation. The very last thing we ever want to have to do is end up writing citations for someone," said Paul Pence, Corps park manager at Dworshak Dam near Orofino.

Ultimately, Corps recreation officials hope visitors will recognize and appreciate that safety is everybody's responsibility.

"Cooperation and courtesy will make summer recreation opportunities a safe and enjoyable time for every visitor to these taxpayer-owned facilities operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," said Dave Brownell, natural resources manager at Lucky Peak Dam on Idaho's Boise River. "We encourage visitors to view public displays and use their legal fireworks carefully in approved locations."

Here are the Corps recreation facilities operated by the Walla Walla District:

### **Oregon**

**\*\* Columbia River --** Lake Wallula: Sand Station and McNary Beach near Umatilla, Oregon;

### **Washington**

**\*\* Columbia River --** Madame Dorian Park near Wallula, Wash.;

**\*\* Mill Creek --** Rook's Park, Mill Creek Recreation Trail and Bennington Lake;

**\*\* Snake River**

\*\*\* Lake Sacajawea (above Ice Harbor Dam): Hood, Charbonneau, Levey and Fishhook parks;

\*\*\* Lake West (above Lower Monumental Dam): Ayer Boat Basin, Devils Bench, Riparia and Texas Rapids;

\*\*\* Lake Bryan (above Little Goose Dam): Illia Dunes, Illia, and Willow landings;

\*\*\* Lower Granite Lake (above Lower Granite Dam): Chief Timothy Habitat Management Unit, Greenbelt Ramp, Lewiston Levee Parkway, Southway Ramp, Swallows Park, Nisqually John, Offield and Wawawai landings;

### **Idaho**

**\*\* North Fork of the Clearwater River**

\*\*\* Dworshak Dam, Big Eddy, Bruces Eddy, Canyon Creek, Cold Springs Group Camp, Dent Acres, Dent Acres Group Camp, Grandad, Merrys Bay, all Mini-Camps, Picnic Glen, Powerhouse Road, North Fork River Visitor Center, Dworshak Dam and the Viewpoint.

**\*\* Lucky Peak Dam and Lake, near Boise, Idaho.**

